THE CUSTOMARY DISCORDANT DIN MAKES NIGHT HIDEOUS FOR A TIME, BUT THE POLICE PRE-SERVE ORDER WHILE THE CHIMES RING.

The ringing of many bells and the tooting of thousands of discordant horns bade farewell to the Old Year in this city last night, en, at the stroke of 12, the new year Thousands of steam whistles joined in the brought into play, and reckless per-

As usual, the central point of the din was old Trinity Church, in front of which a crowd of more than 20,000 people gathered about 11 o'clock. There were other crowis at Grace Church, at Broadway and Tenth-st., and at St. Andrew's Church in Harlem, and in the steeple of each church the chimes were rung for half an hour before midnight. There were also watch meetings at a number of other churches in the city. At Trinity, however, the people who love noise gathered in the greatest numbers, and most of them had tin horns which they blew with all the force at their command. A few thousands of the people came from Brooklyn expressly to take part in the fun.

BEDLAM LET LOOSE.

The crowd in lower Broadway below the Federal Building was larger than usual all through the evening, but about 10 o'clock it noticeably increased. Tin horns had been heard since early in the evening, but when the crowd really began to gather for their annual festival of noise, the din seemed to be too great and discordant to come from such insignifican -looking instruments. Pandemonfum let loose could never have been

The crowd in Broadway was a curious one It was composed of all classes of humanity. Early in the evening the hoodlums were in the ascendancy, and any respectable member of society who happened to come into their path was obliged to look out for himself. But the hoodlums at this time of the evening were only walking about aimlessly. They had no particular destination. They were only "painting the town red" in a mild and reformed way.

About 10:30 o'clock the people who wanted to hear the chimes of Trinity began to come. There were men alone and men who were not Men who were with other men and be made welcome. men who were with women As for the women there were old women and young women, women without tin horns and women with tin those who had them. The street was a curious melee of people. There was the man who had come out with his "girl" for a quiet walk, and had inadvertently walked into anything but a quiet place, and the man who had walked with a purpose into what he knew would be a noisy place, to enjoy a few moments of Besides those who walked in pairs, there

were numbers of men and boys who walked in 'gangs," imbued with New Year's eve "spirits," and whose horns, blown in unison, were a source of anguish to all who heard them. The streets, when they passed, were worse than nail factories, and any brain effort was thrown away. The nerves of any without the "spirits" were simply paralyzed. The sons of sunny Southern Italy who were selling horns did a good business until the "gangs" began to come. Then their troubles began. One brown-faced, black-haired fellow who was selling big tin horns for a "bargain" at Park Row and Broadway fell a victim to an urchin who slipped out from a crowd and "pinched" one of his treasures. Imbued with a sudden spirit of personal rights, the Italian started in pursuit, his box of horns dragging on behind him. He didn't catch the thief. He couldn't even catch sight of him after a block's run, but when he looked believes now that an American New Year's eve is even worse than an American April Fool's

But the crowd, although it was large at 10:30, kept moving up and down the street. About 11 o'clock they all began to strike for Trinity Church, and the good places in Broadway, between Rector and Pine sts. At first the stationary crowd was small, but it grew constantly. All of the side streets-Wall, Pine and all the rest, up to Fulton-st.-were in full possession of the gamins who held "high jinks" unmolested by the police. The horns that were blown on Broadway beat them in their volume of sound only because they were so outrageously beaten in numbers. For their number they did remarkably well.

AN "OLD-TIMER'S" LECTURE.

At one of the corners below Trinity, on the autskirts of the crowd, an "old-timer," somewhat the worse for wear, was delivering a lecture to a circle of admirers and-"others," who had nothing else to do. After close in- disturbed until after dark. vestigation it was found that the subject of his lecture was, "When a man tells a lie and gets found out, he's a sucker. Never tell one unless you're pretty d-n sure you won't get discovered. Then tell it." The moral of the lecture seemed to strike every one who heard it as something new and good.

At 11 o'clock a hundred policemen, fifty from the Seventeenth Precinct and fifty from the Thirtyblown with impunity until their arrival, but after they had taken their stand the noise best to diminish. When 11:30 o'clock struck and the chimes of Trinity began to ring out their welcome to the New Year, the sidewalks for four blocks in each direction. Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports on Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports on Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports on Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports on Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports of Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports of Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports of Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports of Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports of Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports of Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports of Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports of Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports of Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports of Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports of Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports of Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of ports of Building Captain E. L. Tyler, chief of seventh Precinct, took charge of the sidewalks four blocks in each direction on Broadway were packed with people. The horns were still, and those who wanted to listen to the chimes got aries and wages cease to-night, but the president is they rang out over the people, and the music and as may be necessary to wind up the affairs of the good chance. Clear and still on the night air solemnity of the bells seemed in a measure to impress even those who had come to annoy and not to listen. For several minutes the crowd stood still. Even those who were walking up and down stopped to listen, and Broadway was hushed in an impressive silence.

It did not last long. A cable car or a gamin's horn or some other discordant noise attracted the attention of some and the crowd moved on under the shadow of the old church, with laugh and jest, and even oath, annoying those who had come to hear and not to be heard. The policemen did the best they could, and, considering the great crowd and its makeup, they did very well, and the people below had a good chance to hear the music.

The chimes were rung by Albert Meslahu, jr., a pupil of the famous chimer, James E. Ayliffe,



and for thirty years a chimes ringer. The pro-

Concerto in rondo, by Dr. Hodges, 1848, "Evening

Bells."

Song from "Oberon."

"Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground," air by De Ber.ot.

"Fille du Regiment."

"Kiss Me, Mother, Good Night."

"Happy New Year to Thee."

"The Old Volunteer Fireman."

"Killarney."

March in "I Puritani."

"Old Dog Tray."

"Yankee Doodle."

"Home, Sweet Home."

Soon after midnight, when the new year had been fairly launched on its way and the chimes had ceased, the crowd began to disperse, and at 1 o'clock lower Broadway began to take on again its usual nocturnal look of sleepy respectability.

men, women and children, gathered in the neighborhood of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church at One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh-st. and Fifth-ave to listen to the ringing of the chimes by J Grant Senia, for many years the ringer of the chimes of Grace Church. People began to arrive as early as 10 o'clock and by 11:30 o'clock, the time at which it was announced the ringing of the chimes would begin, every street in the neighborhood was crowded. The youths in the crowd were provided with tin horns which they blew with all their might. Some of the horns were shrill and others were large and hoarse like fog horns and they made a most discordant din, that could be heard for blocks around. Some of the young men had pistols, which they fired repeatedly and others were amply provided with cannon crackers which they set off at intervals. The crowd was quiet during the playing of the

chimes, but as soon as that ceased the discordant din began and was kept up till a late hour. The chimes in Grace Church welcomed the new year last night and this morning, to the delight of thousands. The bells began to ring promptly at 11:48 and at midnight the new year was announced by a series of triple changes of the bells. There were fifteen feat-ures on the programme. Miss Bertha Thomas was the chimer.

NEW-YEAR'S AT THE CITY HALL. THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL

RECEIVE CALLS While the practice of making New Year calls has fallen into disuse largely in this city, there will be the customary reception at the City Hall from roon until 4 p. m. The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen will "receive" in the Governor's Room, and Alderman Crowley's VIIIth Regiment Band will enliven the reception by playing in the Common Council Chamber.

The annual entertainment will be given in the

Tombs by the Prison Guild at 2:30 p. m.
The Young Men's Christian Association will keep

open house at Fourth-ave, and Twenty-third-st, and at No. 5 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. At each place there will be exhibitions of books and pictures, music, gymnastic exercises and other means of entertainment, and strangers will

day at the Day Star Industrial Home, No. 213 West Twenty-fourth-st., of which Mrs. E. G. Draper (Sister Charlotte) is the founder.

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The Rev. Dr. John Hall, of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, has announced to his people that at the mid-week meeting this evening his topic will be "How to Make the Year Happy."

A New Year's dinner will be given to 500 immigrants on Ellis Island, in order that they may feel as happy as possible in a strange land.

The English actors and actresses in this city will entertain many of their friends at a ball this evening. The ball will be at Jaeger's, at Madison-ave, and Flity-ninth-st.

Postmaster Dayton yesterday issued a circular complimenting the employes in the Postoffice on the manner in which they had performed their duties during 195 and wishing them all a Happy New Year.

duties during 185 and wishing their street was a few Year.

The New-York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor sent out a New Year greeting and asked aid for its labor bureaus. Checks should be made payable to Warner Van Norden, No. 25 Nasau-st., and may be sent to him or to W. H. Tolman, general agent, No. 166 East Twenty-second-st.

Many other associations and organizations will observe the day appropriately.

DR. RAINSFORD ENTERTAINS HIS CHOIR.

The choir of St. George's Church, Sixteenth-st. and the rector of the church, the Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford, at his home, No. 209 East Stateenth-st. Follord, at his home, 80, 20 hast sixteenin-st. Following a custom of years, Dr. Rainsford gave the choir of his church a supper at 5 o'clock. The entire choir of sixty was present. At 11 o'clock Dr. Rainsford and the members of the choir went to the church, where several hundred persons had assembled, to see the old year out. Until midnight the choir sang anthems appropriate to the occasion.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAMME.

Washington, Dec. 31 -- An evening giving promise of a brilliant New Year's Day to-morrow ushers in his wares to start in at business again-lo and the opening of the festivities and official ceremonies of 1896. The official ceremonies will begin with the President's reception at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and following the greetings from the Vice-President, the Cabinet officers and the members of the Diplomatic Corps, Army and Navy officers and citizens generally the President's reception will end at 2 p. m. The President will, as usual, be assisted in welcoming his callers by Mrs. Cleveland and the ladies of the Cabinet. As soon as the official callers have reached their homes the receptions of foreign Ministers, Cabinet officers and those prominent in effects station will take place. President's reception at 11 o'clock in the foren-Ministers, Cabinet officers and official station will take place.

THE ATLANTA FAIR CLOSED

ITS MANAGERS HIGHLY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS.

A BIG CROWD ON THE LAST DAY-WORK OF PACK-ING UP THE EXHIBITS BEGUN-DISPOSITION

OF THE STATE BUILDINGS.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.-The final day of the Exposition opened with a clear sky. The grounds were thronged with people and the buildings were full. The exhibits were all in good shape, and were not ceremony heretofore that it was determined to let the last day be a free-and-easy affair, so that the visitors might make the best of their time in seeing the exhibits. This evening, as dark came on, the beautiful illumination was given, and the electric fountain for the last time displayed its charms. The directors held a meeting at 4 o'clock and transacted ousiness of some importance. At 6:10 o'clock a force of experts began packing up

the pictures in the art gailery, and a similar work was begun on the Government exhibits in the Mines and Forestry Building. It is expected that the work

removal of the exhibits.

By resolution of the Board of Directors all salempowered to make new contracts for company. One turnstile at the main entrance will be left open, but an admission fee will be charged to keep out stragglers who would interfere with to keep out stragglers who would interfere with exhibitors in packing their goods. The Pennsylvania Building will be formally turned over to the Pledmont Driving Club by Commissioner Keenan soon. The New-York State Building will also pass into the hands of the club, both of these structures into the hands of the club, both of these structures into the lilinois Building has not been disposed of, but will probably be soid. The Massachusetts of, but will probably be soid. The Massachusetts Building has already been presented to the Commissioners to the Atlanta Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The property agent of the Exposition Company has already begun to gather scattered furniture and naiscellaneous movable property to places of safety, and a salvage company has been organized with T. B. Neal, president of an Atlanta bank, at its

head.

Mr. Inman, chairman of the Finance Committee, said that the Exposition, when all the debts are paid, will have cost Atlanta about \$200,000, or less than 10 per cent of the money expended on the fair. This includes the original stock subscription and the appropriation of the city. This result is regarded as satisfactory. It is estimated that the imediate benefit to Atlanta in money expended here by Exposition visitors amounts to \$5,000,000 and that the ultimate benefits to the city and the Cotton States are immeasurably beyond this or any other conservative figure which could be named.

TO ELECT TARIFF LEAGUE MANAGERS. Cornelius N. Bliss, president, and Wilbur F. Wakeman, general secretary, have sent out notices that the annual meeting of the members of the American Protection Tariff League will take place at the league rooms, No. 125 West Twenty-thirdat the league rooms, No. 135 West Twenty-third-st., on Thursday, January 16, at 2 p. m. Five man-agers are to be elected for the term of four years, to succeed Charles S. Landers, A. D. Juillard, E. A. Hartshorn, Theodore M. Ives and Joseph E. Throop, whose terms have expired. The annual meeting of the Board of Managers for the choice of officers, executive and standing committees for the coming year will also be held.

MUCH DAMAGE BY THE WIND.

IT REACHED A VELOCITY OF SEVENTY-TWO MILES AN HOUR.

PART OF THE BATTERY PARK SEA WALL WASHED AWAY-PLATE-GLASS WINDOWS, SIGNS, TREES, TELEGRAPH WIRES, ETC., DAMAGED.

A violent northeast gale broke over the city on Monday night and did much damage. The storm began about 11 p. m., and by 3 o'clock Tuesday morning it was blowing at the rate of seventy-two miles an hour-a hurricane. At the Battery Park the blast threw the salt spray almost across the plaza. Settees and foot-rests had been swept far into the park, and driftwood and wreckage were piled on the asphalt walk. But the greatest damage was to the sea wall, for in places whole sec-tions of it had been undermined and swept away. The top of the wall is covered with stone coping. ade of huge blocks of one and two tons each, and in the middle of each block of stone is a heavy stone pillar. Through these pillars runs a heavy chain, which extends all around the wall, from the Barge Office to the Dock Department pier, Throughout almost the entire distance the blocks were out plumb for seventy-five feet or more, in different places; the coping, pillars, chain and all had been

OTHER PIANOS MANUFACTURED AND ABSOLUTELY

CONQUER ALL COMPETITION.

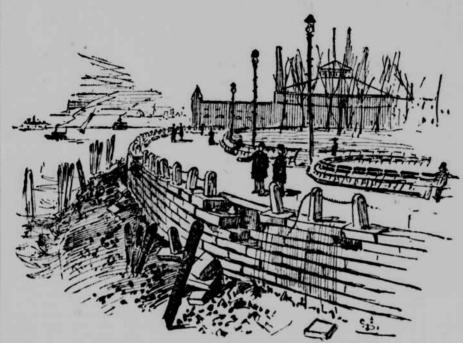
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HIGH WINDS AND COLDER.

A BLIZZARD REPORTED IN THIS STATE AND NEW-ENGLAND.

THE WIND REACHES SEVENTY-TWO MILES AN

Buffalo, Dec. 31.-Not since December, 1889, ha Buffalo been wind-whipped as she is to-day. The



SHOWING THE PAMAGE TO THE BATTERY WALL.

swept away. The damage to the wall, it is esti- | morning, and the wind reached a velocity of sixty mated, will take \$10,000 to repair. in several instances broke away from their moorings, but no serious accidents occurred.

The cold wave promised by the Weather Bureau ected to-day. At 8 p. m. Monday the mercury registered 54 degrees, and twelve hours later it had The storm created unusual havoc with the West-

ern Union Telegraph Company's wires. At the office of the company yesterday it was stated that the most damage toward the north was done be-tween Hartford, Conn., and Springfield, Mass., and thence east from Springfield. South of this city there was much damage done to the wires between Philadelphia and Baitlmore. In that section fifty out of eighty wires were broken by the storm.

All the wires between Harrisburg and Pittsburg were higher.

ken by the storm.

If the wires between Harrisburg and Pittsburg re broken, with one exception. These are the cleapo and St. Louis wires, so that the service those cities was for the time being reduced to

a minimum.

There was considerable trouble on the West Shore Railroad, near Buffalo, and several poles along the New-York Central Railroad were levelled to the ground. There was especial trouble near Germantown, this State.

There was little damage done along the line of the Harlem Railroad. There were only two or three wires left intact to Chicago, and the same number to Boston.

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A large window in Rogers, Peet & Co.'s clothing house at Sixth-ave and Thirty-second-st., was blown in. A plate-glass window in Charles Elseman's saloon at No. 612 Sixth-ave, was blown in. A window in Meyer's furnishing store at No. 525 Sixth-ave, shared the same fate. A tree was blown down in front of No. 38 Eighth-ave, and another at St. Luke's Place and Thirteenth-st.

MANY VESSELS DELAYED AND STORMBOUND DAMAGE IN NEW-ENGLAND.

thirty-seven degrees in twenty-four hours. All the Sound steamers are delayed. The John H. Starin arrived this afternoon seven hours late, putting into Huntington Bay on account of rough weather last night. The Continental also passed the night there, arriving several hours late this morning. The Erastus Corning did not go to New-York to-day, owing to the gale. A fleet of twenty vessels put into the Sound Last night. Storm sig-

nals are displayed off Lighthouse Point. Newport, Dec. 31.—A high wind came up early this morning, and when the tide was at high mark at 7 o'clock destruction was in progress all along the water front. The water was well up over the Long Wharf. Boats in the harbor broke adrift, and one or two catboats were sunk. The Providence steamer did not start until late. A tremendous sea is running outside.

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 31.—The water front of this city suffered much loss from last night's heavy south winds, which forced the highest tide seen

south winds, which forced the highest tide seen along the banks for many years. The foundation for the floor of the city shed gave way, drowning several horses.

Fall River, Mass. Dec. 31.—The easterly and southerly gale of last night and early this morning caused a high tide that did considerable damage along the water front. Fires in the boiler furnaces in the American Print Works, the Fall River Machine Company and the Cook Borden Mill were extinguished, and operations were partially suspended until noon. All of the wharves were more or less damaged by the beating of the high waves.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 31.—The territic southeast wind and rain storm did considerable damage in this city last night. Not only were a large number of shade trees blown down and telephone, fire alarm and electric light wires disarranged, but several buildings were injured.

The Fuller Observatory went down this morning with a tremendous crash. It was 162 feet high. In Hallowell the roof of the cotton mill was blown off. A boy named White was hadly injured. One of his legs was broken in three places by the falling debris. The flying roof of the factory struck a house and badly damaged it.

FATAL WINDSTORM IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 31.-A terrific windstorm raged here to-day. The roof of No. 6 fire station, the steeples of the new Anglican Church in St. Gabriel Ward, and St. Vincent's Church, on Fullum-st., and ward, and St. Vincent's Church, on Fullian-St., and
a portion of the roof of the new Canada Life
Building on St. James-st. were blown away.

An unknown man was killed on St. Dennis-st.
by a falling tree. The street-car-service was badly
crippied by falling trees. Much other damage is
reported and the aggregate of losses will be large.

to seventy miles an hour. The height of the storm was reached about 6 o'clock, when the wind was signs were blown away, and telegraph and telephone wires torn down. Fortunately, the snow was light and streetcar traffic was not disturbed.

done much damage here. At 8 o'clock this morning the river below the Falls was over thirty feet higher merged. The pier on the Canadian side was swept from its foundation and thrown high upon the bank Many of the fishermen's huts along the river were washed away. Work on all lower river improve-ments has had to be abandoned.

valls here to-day. Trees have been uprooted, He was fatally shocked.

of more fury than that of last Friday passed over here last night, doing considerable damage. almost a gale. In this village trees were overblown down and the roofs of several buildings damaged.

Utica, Dec. 31 -The heavy rain here last night caused a creek to overflow in the western part of the city and about \$55,00 damages was done to property. ware. Lackawanna and Western Railroad, near place North Brookfield, and the trains on the New-York fille. Central were somewhat delayed by high water at

Binghamton, Dec. 31.—The heavy rains of yesterday and last night have raised the Susquehanna and Chenango rivers twelve feet, and the lowlands are The high winds caused considerable

Rochester, Dec. 31.-A big windsterm struck this city at 1:30 o'clock this morning, with a velocity of wenty-five miles an hour. An hour later the speed register marked thirty miles. At 5 o'clock the force Houses rocked and many lights of glass throughout the city were blown out

opera troupe were quartered on the top floor. When the crash came some of the girls fainted and were Works chimney, seventy-five feet high, fell with a terrible crash to the east of the engine-house, demolishing a shed. Many telegraph poles fell across street-car lines, impeding traffic. The largest piece of plate glass in the city, in Wisner's crockery store, was broken.
Plattsburg, N. Y., Dec. 31 (Special) -The wind-

porthern boundary of this city has been under water all day by the freshet in the Esopus Creck, which is far over its banks from the torrents of

property has resulted. Nantasket, Mass., Dec. 31.—The Nantasket Bfesaving crew pulled across from Tuckernuck Island in the teeth of the living gale this afternoon, and report a large three-masted schooner anchored between Tuckernuck Shoal and Cross Rip, flying a signal of distress, probably sinking. The schooner was sighted at daybreak this morning, but as there was no telephone communication and the terrific sea prevented the lifeboat going outside, nothing

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 31.-The bilizzard has

and limbs of trees torn off. The Hotel St. Paul was unroofed. Members of an

storm which has been raging flereely in this vicinity to-day blew down a large brick chimney on the mess hall at the Military Reservation, crushing the building in its fall. A company of soldiers miraculously escaped injury. Private Crouse, of Company E, was seriously hurt.

Quaker Wisdom.

"As the twig is bent the tree's inclined." An appetite for wholesome Quaker Oats formed in youth will always remain.



Sold only in 2-lb. Packages.

Muskegat crew to an extreme effort, and at the risk of their lives they crossed to Nantucket, where word was telegraphed to various wrecking companies, and it is hoped that tugs are on their way to the crew's assistance. At sunset the wind continues, blowing a northwest gale, and a heavy sea is running.

this morning caused no material damage to supping in the vicinity, as far as known, but it is feared that some of the vessels in the Sound fared less well and that considerable damage might have resulted.

At 3 a. m. the forerunner of the terrific blow—a stiff southerly breeze—gave ample warning to the skippers whose vessels were anchored in the harbor, and preparations were made to ride out gale. Additional cable was paid out, and everything made snug aboard the different craft, with the result that little damage was done. At 6 o'clock the wind had attained its highest velocity, and was blowing fifty miles an hour from the south.

Captain Crosby, of the Furness Line steamer Storm King, which arrived at her dock at noon today from Antwerp, having anchored below last night, reports that he experienced one of the worst passages in all his seafaring life. Hardly a vestige of cattle fittings on the starboard side of the vessel remained, and the heavy iron steampipes of the afterdeck were taken up and swept away into the turbulent seas.

The Wilson Line steamer Chicago, Captain Hadaway, which arrived to-day from Hull, also had a rough passage during which some of her temporary deck cattle fittings were swept away, but she sustained no further damage.

Telegraphic communications with Cape Cod, which were broken off by the heavy gale this morning, were restored this afternoon when the first intelligence of the wreck of two fishing vessels was received.

The pilot boat Columbia (No. 2), cruising for inward-bound steamers, sighted the lights of a foreign steamer nearly one hundred miles to the eastward of Boston Light last night. After the customary night signals had been burned the pilot boat's canoe was lowered, and, manned by Horace Folger and Charles Johnsen, pulled off for the steamer to put John C. Faweett, a pilot, aboard. The seas were running mountains high, but the little boat reached the steamer's side. The steamer proved to be the Cape Breton, from Sydney, C. B., with coal for the Dominion Coal Company. Afte

an hour.

Bar Harbor, Me., Dec. 31.—The storm to-day caused the highest tide in twenty years. The steamer Sebenoa was two and a half hours coming from Mount Desert Ferry, put back twice and the waves broke the windows of the galley, flooded decks and pilot-house. The passengers were panic

TOKENS FOR JUDGE ALLISON.

A SPLENDID GIFT FROM THE LAWYERS WHO HAVE PRACTISED BEFORE HIM.

INTERESTING EXERCISES IN PART II OF GENERAL

Yesterday was the last day of service Thomas Allison in the Court of General Sessions

Either Judge McMahon or Judge Newburger will occupy his place after next Monday, Judge Allison opened court in Part II about II o'clock yesterday Soon after he went upon the bench a messenger boy entered the courtroom carrying a huge floral horseshoe. The horseshoe was presented to the retiring Judge with a few appropriate words by a token from the court clerks and attendants.

the present with a few words of gratitude for the

At 2 p. m. a presentation of a silver service on the part of lawyers practising in General Sessions took place in Part II. The ceremony occupied an hour, General Benjamin F. Tracy made the presentation speech. Judge Cowing, of General Sessions, presided. On the bench with him sat Judge Daly. Judge Bischoff; Judges Fitzgerald, Newburger and McMahon, of General Sessions, Justies Hayes and Holbrook, of Special Sessions, and Recorder Goff. The big floral horseshoe rested on the Judge's bench. In the space before the bench were Lis-trict-Attorney Fellows and all his assistants, with Commodore Eibridge T. Gerry, William F. Howe, Edward Lauterbuch, Coroner Hoeber, Abraham Levy and General Tracy.

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Judge Allison was sitting beside Judge Cow-ing, and arose to reply. He was greeted with rous-Judge Allison was sitting beside Judge Cowing, and arose to reply. He was greeted with rousing applause.

He said he highly appreciated such a testimonial of good will as the presentation afforded. A little over eight months ago, he said, death took from the bench a friend of his, who had formerly administered he office of District-Attorney in the most trying time as all its history, at a time when it required a man of great perseverance, courage and executive ability. The departing Judge left after him other good and able judicial officers. The speaker said he felt rather diffident about assuming such important duties among such ablemen. He said he could not have succeeded without the hearty co-operation of all those connected with the court and District-Attorney's office. He said he was not on the bench a week when the kindly feeling about him made him feel as though he had spent all his professional career in that position. Whatever success he had was due in great measure to the assistance of those about the court. He said there was no field like the eriminal courts for the exercise of ability and the display of honor. It is an ever moving drama.

"I thank you one and all," he said. "I wish not only a happy new year, but many years of secess and happiness."

District-Attorney Fellows then made a brief speech. Whilam F. Howe also spoke.

END OF THE OVER AND TERMINER. THE OLD COURT "FADES OUT OF EXISTENCE."

JUSTICE INGRAHAM SAYS Ingraham yesterday formally closed the Court of Oyer and Terminer, which is to be succeeded by the Criminal Division of the Supreme Justice Patterson presided at the opening of the court. A few minor cases were called be-fore Justice Patterson was relieved by Justice In-

The hands of the courtroom electric clock indicated 3:46 o'clock when Justice Patterson went upon the bench. The Justice looked at the clock, and pulled off nis glasses and looked again. This time the clock marked 3:42. The Justice looked puzzled and called up Captain Ricketts, of the

puzzled and cancel up Captain Reseas, of the court squad.

"Is that clock right?" asked the Justice.
"No, Your Honor," Captain Ricketts replied.
The Justice seemed releved, and waited for the small amount of business at the closing of the

Justice Patterson left the bench and went into his commowers. As the door closed behind him the hands of the electric clock suddenly jumped to 0.55 o'clock, the right time.

In a few minutes, Justice Ingraham having arrived, took his place on the bench, and relieved

Justice Patterson.

The closing moments of the court were quiet and without formality. Judge Ingraham ordered Clerk Carroll not to make any minute of the court's expiration on the records. He said that the court should meet its constitutional termination by simply fading out of existence. There was even no formal adjournment, as is usual at the end of the term.

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Before leaving the bench Judge Ingraham dismissed the indictment for murder against Lizzle Carney, who was accused of being implicated in the killing of a sallor named Walsh in Lynch's saloon in Bayard-st., last spring.

Judge Ingraham swore in Clerks Carroll, Penny and Walsh, who are to serve in the new Criminal Division of the Supreme Court, which opens Moadage.

day.

Judge Ingraham quietly left the bench and the courtroom was vacated.

Washington, Dec. 31 (Special).-The following

Army orders have been issued: Captain Henry D. Army orders have been issued: Captain Henry D. Borup, Ordinance Department, will proceed from Philadelphia to the works of the Reading Iron Company on official business pertaining to the inspection of gun carriages. The leave granted to Captain Sumner H. Lincoln, 10th Infantry, December 7, is extended one month. The resignation by Captain John T. French, Jr., assistant quartermas ter, of his commission as first lieutenant 4th Ar ter, of his commission as his hetteral that tillery, only, has been accepted, to take effect December 21, 1895. The leave on surgeon's certificate of disability granted to Second Lieutenant James Hamilton, 3d Artillery, June 2, is extended six months on surgeon's certificate of disability. Major Joseph T. Haskell, 24th Infantry, is detailed as a member of the Army Retiring Board, at Fort Leavenage 1, 1897.

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enworth, vice Colonel John N. Andrews, 12th Infantry, formerly lieutenant-colonel 25th Infantry, who is hereby relieved. First Lieutenant David D. Johnson, 5th Artillery, will report in person to Colonel Hamilton S. Hawkins, 20th Infantry, president of the Army Retiring Board at Fort Leavenworth, at such time as he may designate for examination by the board. The leave granted to Major James C. Worthington, surgeon, September 21, is extended six months on account of lilness.

PLATT SHOWS ALARM.

HE SEEKS AID FROM THE GOVERNOR

AN ATTEMPT TO HEAD OFF THE MOVEMENT TO PURGE THE LOCAL REPUBLICAN ORGANIZA TION DOESN'T AMOUNT TO MUCH.

of this city, who wear no man's collar, and believe that decent politics can be maintained in the Republican party, to end the rule of the Platt-Lauterbach machine, which has an existence fraud and trickery, and a false and padded enrolment. No one realizes that this determination is backed by the respected element in the party bot-ter than Thomas C. Platt, who, on learning that the anti-machine leaders were to hold a meeting and arrange their plans on Monday evening, hurried

vention.

These representations were unfounded, for the Anti-Machine Republicans of this city regard themselves as better friends of Governor Morion than Platt and the political traders who are just now with him.

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But the Governor met Mr. Platt Monday evening as the latter desired, and he also saw Edward Lauterbach, as well as ex-Senator Warner Miller, Controller Roberts and other Lepublicans. The Platt-Lauterbach scheme, however, by which the Governor was to request Mr. Bilss and his friends to desist from the work of restoring the party machinery to honest and respectable hands, I through.

The announcement was made through machine channels yesterday that the Platt proposition habeen made, and that it had been carried to Mr. Bilss by ex-Senator Miller, coupled with a proposition for some sort of a re-enrolment, but conducted and controlled, of course, by the Platt heelers.

Mr. Bliss promptly denied vesterday that any proposition had come to him in relation to a reenrolment, and Mr. Miller said that he had accepted no such mission. Even Mr. Lauterbach had to deny that there was any truth in the Platt story. THE MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT.

The meeting which so alarmed Mr. Platt and led to his hurried trip back to New-York from Lakewood, and his attempt to unsettle the nerves of the

wood, and his attempt to unsettle the nerves of the Governor, was held on Monday evening at the Windsor Hotel, and was the main topic in political circles yesterday and last evening. General Samuel Thomas presided, and among those present were Cornellus N. Bilss. Edward Mitchell, William Brookfield. Elihu Root, Joseph H. Choate, General Anson G. McCook, ex-Congressman John S. Wise, Adelbert H. Streeter, John E. Milholland, General James R. O'Beirne, Edward C. O'Brien, John Sabine Smith, John C. O'Conor, Dr. Louis L. Soaman, Paul D. Cravath, Colonel S. V. R. Cruger and Senator-elect Frank D. Pavey.

The situation was thoroughly and carefully discussed, and the necessity for taking action that would disclose to the masses of the party the thoroughly rotten and bogus condition of the local organization was considered. It was decided that the proper plan was to show first that the enrolment was padded and tainted with fraud, and afterward settle the question of a new organization. Edward Mitchell and Paul D. Cravath have been giving attention to the legal side of the matter. Mr. Cravath said that incontrovertible evidence had been collected proving that the Republican enrolment in many of the districts four times that of a normal enrolment. Such a fraudulent attempt to control the party organization was, he said, unprecedented.

A resolution was adopted authorizing "the chairman, with Messrs. Brookfield and Bliss, to appoint a committee of fifteen, of which they shall be members, and shall have power to add to its numbers, to investigate the alleged frauds in the Republican enrolment in this city and the validity of the present country organization, to take such action in respect to a meeting to be called hereafter."

The committee, which will be composed probably of twenty-five well-known Republicans, will be announced to-day, and another meeting will be held at the Windsor Hotel to-morrow evening.

Mr. Bliss, who was seen last evening at the Republican Club, of which he is soon to become the president, said that

The meeting to-morrow evening will arrange for such an investigation and exposure of the enrolment and primary frauds as will fully inform the decent and primary frauds as will fully inform the decent Republicans of the city and country exactly how the Platt control of the organisation was secured and is maintained.

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